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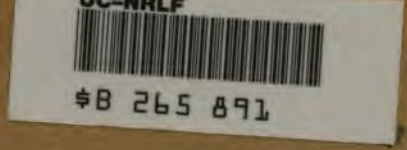

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Lists of books are appended to most of the outlines. It would be well for the club to own some of the recommended books. Others can be obtained either from the local public library or from the state traveling library. When very full lists are given it is not necessary for any club to use all the books, but the longer list gives more room for choice.

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INTRODUCTION

This study outline takes up some of the social problems of the country community. It suggests a series of discussions on subjects related to the farm home, the country church, the rural school and the rural neighborhood. It is not concerned with the business of farming or with the profession of housekeeping. It does not touch on the economic problems of farm life. These subjects—marketing, farm labor, rural credits, the cooperative movement, etc.—may be covered in a later outline if it seems desirable.

How to Use the Outline

Adapt the outline to your own community needs. There are five main divisions of the subject: The Farm Home; The Rural School; The Country Church; Community Life; and The Country Town. Give as much time to the discussion of each of these subjects as the needs of your community demand. Under each subject you will find topics for discussion. An entire evening or afternoon's program may be given to one topic, or several topics may be combined to make up one program. The subject of the rural school, for instance, if covered thoroly might occupy four, or perhaps five, programs. But if you already enjoy the advantages of school consolidation you will need to give less time to this subject.

How To Get Reference Material

Each subject for discussion is followed by a list of references for reading and study. These fall into three classes:

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(1) Books. Twenty-three books have been used as a basis. A complete list of these will be found on page 35. In the reference the name of the author and the paging are given. "Betts, p254-60" means Betts & Hall: "Better rural schools," pages 254-60.

To get the books: (1) Buy them if you can; (2) Apply to the nearest public library; (3) Write to the Library commission at the capital of your state. The library commissions of a number of states have said that they will glady cooperate with clubs using this outline.

If you are limited in the number of books you may have, you will find those marked * most useful.

(2) Magazine articles. Articles have been chosen from recent numbers of popular magazines and from a few of the best-known farm journals. The public library and the library commission may again be able to help you, or you may rent magazine articles from the Wilson Package Library.

(3) Documents and bulletins. These may be obtained free of charge or may be purchased at a low price. Write to the address given.

A Suggestion to New Clubs

If you turn at once to the subject Organizations and Clubs on page 23 and make use of the references you may find helpful suggestions on organization.

This outline is planned for women's clubs, farmers' clubs, community clubs or other organizations of men and women who wish to come together for the study and discussion of live topics. It is to be hoped that the club making use of the outline will not remain content with discussion. Learn from what others have done and put the new ideas into practice.

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STUDY OUTLINE ON COUNTRY LIFE AND RURAL PROBLEMS

I

The Farm Home

"Agriculture is more than a way of making a living; it is a mode of life."

"The outside of your house is your gift to the world."
—Mrs. Lindsay Patterson.

1. The Model Farm House.
   a. General Plan and Arrangement.

Bailey. (York state problems, v. 1.), p. 55-61; 62-9; 147-62

Carney, p. 18-29

Cubberley, p. 115-17

Farwell, p. 59-85

Kennedy, p. 152-9

McKeever, p. 54-68

Country Gentleman. 81:1756. Sept. 20, '16. Complete farm house. C. W. Porter.

Country Gentleman. 81:1971. Nov. 11, '16. Small farmstead. W. H. Butterfield.

Country Life in America. 30:76. Oct. '16. Inexpensive house for farmer or tenant. E. L. D. Seymour.

Ohio Farmer. 139:547. Apr. 14, '17. Re-arranged and re-modeled buildings. H. P. Miller.

Orange Judd Farmer. 61:3. Sept. 2, '16. Illinois farm women up-to-date. Mary R. Reynolds.

Orange Judd Farmer. 61:4. Oct. 7, '16. Farmhouse for farm needs. H. R. O'Brien.

Orange Judd Farmer. 61:29. Oct. 7, '16. Remodeling the old farm house. Faith Ingraham.

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Progressive Farmer. 32:309. Mar. 10, '17. Ten house-planning suggestions.

Survey. 34:138. May 8, '15. Better farm and village homes: Minnesota's model plans. M. I. Flagg.

Woman's Home Companion. 43:36. Jul. '16. Minnesota's model farm house. Mrs. C. C. Neale.

Farmhouse improved. W. A. Etherton. Kansas State Agric. College, Manhattan, Kan.

SUGGESTION: Many of the above articles give house plans. If meetings are held in the school house, have some of these plans drawn on the blackboard to serve as basis for discussion and criticism.

b. The Kitchen.

Crow, p. 131-4; 137-43

Ohio Farmer. 139:458. Mar. 24, '17. Making a kitchen better.

Rural New Yorker. 76:591. Apr. 21, '17. Improved farm kitchen.

Arrangement of farm kitchen. M. R. McPheeters. Oklahoma Agric. and Mechanical College. Stillwater, Okla.

Farm kitchen. Carrie L. Pancoast. Univ. of Missouri. College of Agric. (Circ. 12). Columbia, Mo.

Farm kitchen as a work shop. Farmers' Bul. no. 607. (Address Sec'y of Agric., Wash., D. C., or your representative in Congress).

Kitchen: its arrangement and equipment. Sarah L. Lewis and Anna M. Turley. Oregon. Agric. College. Extension Service. (Bul. 182). Corvallis, Ore.

Planning and equipping the kitchen. Iowa State College of Agric. (Home Econ. Bul. no. 8). Ames, Ia.

2. OTHER BUILDINGS AND SURROUNDINGS.

Curtis, p. 17-24

Farwell, p. 59-85

Gillette, p. 170-1; 180-2

Country Gentleman. 82:1330. Aug. 25, '17. Replanning your place. R. J. Pearse.

Ladies' Home Journal. 33:70. Mar. '16. How to make the farm grounds attractive. A. E. P. Searing.

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Progressive Farmer. 31:393. Mar. 18, '16. Suggestions for the home maker. C. J. Hayden.

Progressive Farmer. 31:396. Mar. 18, '16. How we made Arcadia. Mrs. L. L. Hobbs.

Progressive Farmer. 31:402. Mar. 18, '16. Beautiful inside and outside. Mrs. L. Patterson.

Progressive Farmer. 31:471. Apr. 1, '16. Beautify homes and farms. C. S. Barrett.

Rural New Yorker. 76:913-14. Jul. 28, '17. Farm cosmetics. R. H. Smith.

Beautifying the farm home. Ohio. Agric. College Extension Service Bul. v. 12, no. 7. Columbus, Ohio.

Beautifying the home grounds. Farmers' Bul. no. 185. [Sec'y of Agric. or your representative].

Beautifying the rural home. C. N. Keyser and E. G. Welch. Georgia. State College of Agric. (Circular 30). Athens, Ga.

Prairie spirit in landscape gardening. Wilhelm Miller. University of Illinois. Dept. of horticulture, Urbana, Ill.

Smaller farm buildings. [free] Southern Pine Assn, New Orleans, La.

3. Modern Conveniences and Labor Saving Devices.

Carney, p. 21-22

Crow, p. 123-43

Cubberley, p. 83-103

Gillette, p. 172-80

Orange Judd Farmer. 60:22. Apr. 29, '16. Farm house plumbing system.

Progressive Farmer. 32:314. Mar. 10, '17. City comforts in the country.

Progressive Farmer. 32:765. Jul. 7, '17. Some sanitary suggestions for the country home. R. N. Whitfield.

Clean water and how to get it on the farm. *In* U. S. Dept. of Agric. Year Book, 1914: 139-56.

Household conveniences and how to make them. C. E. Hanson. Texas Agric. and Mechanical College. (Extension Bul. 8). College Station, Texas.

Modern conveniences for the farm home. (Farmers' Bul. 270. [Sec'y. of Agric. or your representative.]

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Sewage disposal for country homes. F. M. White and E. G. Hastings. University of Wisconsin. College of Agric. (Extension Circular 60). Madison, Wis.

Sewage disposal for village and rural homes. C. S. Nichols. Iowa State College of Agric., Ames, Ia.

Successful rural cooperative laundry. [Chatfield, Minn.] C. H. Hanson. *In* U. S. Dept. of Agric. Year Book. 1915: 189-94.

Water supply for the country home. M. K. Snyder. Washington. State College. Division of Engineering. (Ser. 1, no. 11) Pullman, Wash.

Additional material on Sewage and Water systems will be found listed under Health and Sanitation.

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

Bath room and septic tank.
Heating systems.
Water supply for house and barn.
Electricity on the farm.
Water power.
Lighting plants.
Cooperative laundries.

4. THE WOMAN ON THE FARM.

Bailey (Country life), p. 62-84.
Butterfield, p. 163-9
Crow, p. 33-95, 221-30; 155-64
Curtis, p. 154-68
McKeever, p. 41-52
Wiley, p. 41-5
Commission on Country Life, p. 103-6

Craftsman. 28:509-10. Aug. '15. Daughters of Martha.

Harper's Magazine. 132:860-70. May, '16. Who feeds the nation? Elizabeth Sears.

Ladies' Home Journal. 34:79. Jun. '17. Making farm work easier for women. A. E. P. Searing.

Ladies' Home Journal. 34:64. Sept. '17. What I saw in two farmhouses.

Outlook. 111:923-5. Dec. 15, '15. Open letter to Secretary Houston from a farmer's wife. N. D. Shelby.

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Rural New Yorker. 76:793. Jun. 16, '17. Why the girls leave the farm.

Woman's Home Companion. 42:18. Jul. '15. Country woman's opportunities. F. A. Waugh.

Woman's Home Companion. 43:18. Jun. '16. Oh, the poor farmer's wife. E. D. Gates.

American farm woman as she sees herself. E. B. Mitchell. *In* U. S. Dept. of Agric. Year Book. 1914:311-18.

Summary of letters received by the Dept. of Agric. in answer to request for suggestions.

SUGGESTED TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION OR DEBATE: The woman on the farm: Is she the unhappy person these letters to the Department of Agriculture make her out to be?

5. THE CHILD IN THE HOME.

(With particular reference to infants and children under school age).

See current or back numbers of Ladies' Home Journal, Good Housekeeping and other magazines for women.

Country Gentleman. 82:517. Mar. 10, '17. Planning your baby week. B. R. Murphy.

Ohio Farmer. 140:410, 516, 594. Nov. 3, Dec. 1, 22, '17. Conservation of children.

Progressive Farmer. 32:407. Mar. 31, '17. Care of babies and young children.

Child and its care. Iowa State College of Agric. (Home Economics Bul. no. 2) Ames, Ia.

Childhood and health. (25c.) National Child Welfare Exhibit Assn., 70 5th Ave., N. Y.

Infant care. Mrs. Max West. Children's Bureau. (Care of Children's Series, no. 2) Children's Bureau, Washington, D.C.

Prenatal care. Mrs. Max West. Children's Bureau. (Care of Children Series, no. 1.) Children's Bureau, Washington, D. C.

Write to the Children's Bureau at Washington asking for copies of all other publications on the subject.

Suggestions for the health of children. Cornell Univ. College of Agric. (Cornell Reading Courses, no. 103) Ithaca, N. Y.

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What about the babies; an appeal in their behalf. Michigan State Board of Health, Lansing, Mich.

What the baby health conferences teach. Jessie P. Rich. Texas University. (Bul. 1708) Austin, Texas.

What to feed the children. Dorothy R. Mendenhall and Amy L. Daniels. University of Wisconsin. College of Agric. (Extension Circular no. 69) Madison, Wis.

This subject is only touched on here. As much time may be devoted to it as the club wishes to give. Good books on the subject are:

Coolidge, E. L. Home care of sick children. $1.00. D. Appleton & co., N. Y. 1916.

Dennett, R. H. Healthy baby. $1.00. Macmillan co., N. Y. 1912.

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II

The Rural School

"The country offers continual interest to the mind which has been trained to be thoughtful and observant; the town offers continual distraction to the vacant eye and brain. Yet the education given to country children has been invented for them in the town, and it not only bears no relation to the life they are to lead, but actually attracts them toward a town career."

—Sir Horace Plunkett.

1. School and Community.

Betts, p. 1-15; 26-38; 43-75; 93-111; 247-50
Butterfield, p. 121-35
Carney, p. 133-40
Commission on Country Life, p. 121-28
Cubberley, p. 163-75
Gillette, p. 233-61
Kennedy, p. 9-27; 100-13
Pickard, p. 77-87; 363-72
Collier's. 57:22-3. Apr. 22, '16. Stay on the land—the new gospel of farm progress. E. Galloway.
Education. 36:630-3. Jun. '16. Restoration of country life in New England. M. S. Stone.
Popular Science Monthly. 86:174-9. Feb. '15. Problem of the rural school. J. B. Sears.
Progressive Farmer. 31:801. Jun. 24, '16. School in the Arkansas pine woods. L. A. Markham.
Progressive Farmer. 31:802. Jun. 24, '16. How we may get efficient rural schools. P. P. Claxton.
Progressive Farmer. 32:739. Jun. 30, '17. Seven plans for better schools.
Review of Reviews. 54:69-78. Jul. '16. Country school's rebirth. Carl Holliday.
Survey. 36:75. Apr. 15, '16. Making rural schools count in Oregon.
World's Work. 29:558-65. Mar. '15. Hetty Browne method of teaching country children. [Rock Hill, S. C.] W. A. Dyer.

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SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR PAPERS AND DISCUSSION:

Farm life yesterday and today.
The school of yesterday and today (Cubberley, 83-103).
Does our school meet the needs of our community?
Why boys and girls leave the farm: Is the school responsible?

2. THE ONE-ROOM SCHOOL.

a. Its Advantages and Disadvantages.

Betts, p. 235-6; 301-4; 379-98
Butterfield, p. 27-30
Carney, p. 140-5
Cubberley, p. 163-6; 184-6; 226-9; 328-34
Dresslar, p. 62-114
Kennedy, p. 28-37
Nearing, p. 182-94
Wilson, p. 49-55

b. Building, Grounds and Equipment.

Carney, p. 206-29
Cubberley, p. 207-25
Dresslar, p. 115-21
Eggleston, p. 124-72
Farwell, p. 256-63
McKeever, p. 107-17
Country Gentleman. 81:1931. Nov. 4, '16. Model country school building. [Orchard Lake, Minn.]
Education. 35:555-9. May, '15. Improvement of rural school grounds and interiors. H. B. Osborn.
Ohio Farmer. 138:377-8. Oct. 21, '16. Beautification of rural schools. R. B. Cruickshank.
Progressive Farmer. 31:815. Jun. 24, '17. Taking care of our educational plants. J. D. Burton.
Cultivating the school grounds. Farmers' Bul. 134. (Sec'y of Agric. or your representative).
Tree planting on rural school grounds. Farmers' Bul. 124. (Sec'y of Agric. or your representative).

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c. Adapting the One-room School to Community needs.

Betts, p. 50-5; 71-2; 97-103
Butterfield, p. 46-55
Carney, p. 239-46
Eggleston, p. 62-85; 123-245
Farwell, p. 263-9; 303-29
McKeever, p. 120-3
Nearing, p. 220-50
Pickard, p. 331-3

Country Gentleman. 81:730. Apr. 1, '16. School gardens at home. A. R. Kling.

Ladies' Home Journal. 34:45. Feb. '17. New note in rural schools; How domestic science can be taught in a one-room school. Bessie R. Murphy.

Ohio Farmer. 140:150. Aug. 25, '17. Cooking in rural schools. Treva E. Kauffman.

Orange Judd Farmer. 60:28. Mar. 25, '16. Regenerating the rural school. F. L. Holmes.

Outlook. 113:717-22. Jul. 26, '16. What can be done in the little country school. Grace C. Smith.

Progressive Farmer. 31:803. Jun. 24, '16. Two communities that made over their schools. Carrie Wilson.

Progressive Farmer. 32:762. Jul. 7, '17. How a country school can teach domestic science. J. W. Stebbins.

Rural school lunch. Florence Harrison and Olive B. Percival. University of Illinois. College of Agric. (Extension Circular, no. 4) Urbana, Ill.

School gardens. Farmers' Bul. 218. (Sec'y of Agric. or your representative).

3. The Consolidated School.

a. Origin and Extent.

Betts, p. 215-6
Butterfield, p. 27-30
Carney, p. 159-70
Cubberley, p. 230-3
Kennedy, p. 63-76
Nearing, p. 170-82
Pickard, p. 411-17

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b. Advantages.

Betts, p. 228-43
Carney, p. 145-8; 149-59; 170-1
Cubberley, p. 234-40; 251-5
Dresslar, p. 126-30
Eggleston, p. 173-80
Farwell, p. 250-2
Gillette, p. 249-54
Kennedy, p. 63-76
Pickard, p. 409-17
Wilson, p. 55-9

American City. (Town and county ed.). 15:381-2. Oct. '16. Brief for a debate on consolidated rural schools. A. A. Thomson.

Country Gentleman. 81:645. Mar. 18, '16. Get-together school house. (Enumclaw, Wash.) Paul E. Triem.

Progressive Farmer. 31:98. Jan. 15, '16. How school consolidation betters a neighborhood. B. Hilbun.

Progressive Farmer. 31:522. Apr. 8, '16. One-teacher school always inefficient. C. C. Wright.

Progressive Farmer. 31:801. Jun. 24, '16. Example of what consolidation has done. J. N. Stewart.

Progressive Farmer. 31:803. Jun. 24, '16. Wonderful change wrought by consolidation. Mrs. J. W. Stewart.

Progressive Farmer. 32:734. Jun. 30, '17. How Mississippi is getting better schools. W. F. Bond.

School and Society. 1:315-16. Feb. 27, '15. Danger in rural school consolidation. L. H. Bailey.

Consolidation of rural schools [debate] Oklahoma, Univ. of. Quarterly Bul. Mar. '14. Norman, Okla.

c. Buildings.

Betts, p. 272-89
Carney, p. 248-51

d. How to Go About It.

Betts, p. 291-306
Cubberley, p. 241-51
Pickard, p. 410-11

e. Transportation.

Betts, p. 308-25

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Carney, p. 171-4
Eggleston, p. 181-92
Kennedy, p. 67-70

SUGGESTED TOPIC FOR DEBATE: Resolved, That the consolidation of school districts is preferable to the present system; or, Resolved, That our district should join with others to form a consolidated school.

4. THE TEACHER.

a. Her Qualifications, Training, and Compensation.

Betts, p. 115-29; 131-50
Carney, p. 252-80
Cubberley, p. 283-304
Dresslar, p. 10-13
Eggleston, p. 193-223
Kennedy, p. 49-62
Pickard, p. 54-68
Orange Judd Farmer. 61:24. Nov. 18, '16. Cheap teacher. Ellen Trayne.

b. Her Relation to the Community.

Betts, p. 152-63
Carney, p. 189-204
Cubberley, p. 301-4
Dresslar, p. 15-6
Pickard, p. 19-27
Education. 36:631-45. Jun. '16. Important lines of endeavor for community work in Massachusetts. David Snedden.
Education. 36:646-9. Jun. '16. Opportunity of the rural school for civic betterment. C. C. Ferguson.

c. Homes for Teachers.

Bailey, (York state problems, v. 2), p. 30-2
Dresslar, p. 122-5
Annals of the American Academy. 67:167-9. Sept. '16. Spread of the school manse idea. George E. Vincent.
Country Gentleman. 81:485. Feb. 26, '16. Cottage for the teacher. Grace V. Gray.
Ladies' Home Journal. 31:5. Sept. '14. Teacherage.
Ladies' Home Journal. 32:25. Feb. '15. Need of teachers' homes. Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker.

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Ladies' Home Journal. 32:25. Feb. '15. School manse in reality. Mrs. Mary I. Wood.

Orange Judd Farmer. 60:34. Feb. 19, '16. Houses for rural teachers.

Review of Reviews. 55:403-8. Apr. '17. City comforts for country teachers. [Alberta, Minn.] G. E. Vincent.

Survey. 36:505. Aug. 12, '16. Where shall the country teacher live?

Kellogg, R. S. Teachers' cottages. National Lumber Mfg. Assn., 925 Lumber exchange, Chicago.

Teachers' cottages in Washington. Josephine C. Preston (Bul. 27. 1915). Olympia, Wash.

5. Agricultural Education.

a. General Discussion.

Bailey (Country life), p. 62-84

Butterfield, p. 30-5

Cubberley, p. 268-74

b. In Elementary Schools.

See under One Room School

c. The Agricultural High School.

Betts, p. 258-70

Carney, p. 176-81

Cubberley, p. 278-81

Nearing, p. 207-19

Country Gentleman. 81:467. Feb. 26, '16. Frontier high school. [Kalispel, Mont.] Florence L. Clark.

Ohio Farmer. 137: 125-6. Jan. 29, '16. School that became a business factor. [Lake City, Minn., State Agricultural High School.] E. J. Trosper.

Orange Judd Farmer. 60:5. May 13, '16. School as community center in Stockland, Ill.

Progressive Farmer. 31:816. Jun. 24, '16. What the county agricultural high school is doing for Mississippi boys and girls. W. H. Smith.

Progressive Farmer. 32:734. Jun. 30, '17. How Mississippi is getting better schools. W. F. Bond.

School and Society. 2:154-61. Jul. 31, '15. Our rural high school. Mary B. Norman.

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III

The Country Church

"The forces and institutions that make for morality and spiritual ideals among rural people must be energized."

—Commission on Country Life.

"Wherever the Church has come out of the chrysalis stage and is preaching a real religion it is well supported."

—Martha B. and Robert W. Bruere.

1. Country Church and Its Problems.

Bricker, p. 19-47; 48-57
Butterfield, (Country church), p. 67-94, 95-109
Carney, p. 39-47
Commission on Country Life, p. 137-48
Cubberley, p. 71-82
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Gillette, p. 217-31
McKeever, p. 32-99
Wilson, p. 23-46
Country Gentleman. 82:125. Jan. 20, '17. Church that went bankrupt. Thomas L. Mason.
Everybody's. 34:613-17. May, '16. Empty pews in the country church—Why? Washington Gladden.
Ladies' Home Journal. 33:31. Apr. '16. What's wrong with country churches. Henry Wallace.
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"Country life cannot be effectively improved by grafting on city ways." —J. M. Gillette.

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V

The Country Town

"The character of the open country largely makes or unmakes the country town."

Commission on Country Life

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Business cooperation.
The country town as a social center.
Rest rooms for farm women.

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TEN TESTS OF PROGRESS FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Here are ten agencies of progress which we believe no neighborhood can be without:

1. Proper church and Sunday School organizations.
2. A three-teacher school—with instruction in agriculture and domestic science, and a school library patronized by both old and young.
3. A community hall or auditorium in connection with the school house, suitable as a place of assembly for whatever meetings the neighbors wish to hold.
4. A local farmers' organization.
5. A club of farm women.
6. A community league, meeting quarterly or oftener and embracing all citizens.
7. A community fair held each fall.
8. A young people's club, probably embracing debating, musical and dramatic features in addition to industrial features such as corn clubs and canning club work.
9. A "credit union" or mutual savings and loan association to encourage thrift.
10. A neighborhood baseball team or other agencies for recreation.

Credit your neighborhood with ten points for each agency of progress it has, and see how much it lacks of making a perfect score—100.

—THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER

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